

Abstract of the Disclosure:

A mobile network operator acts as an identity provider for its end customers with respect to external providers of mobile services and content. The operator is therefore also able to
5 assume responsibility for the process of paying for the content and the services. A balance or credit check is carried out already during the authentication and, where applicable, authorization that takes place during the single sign-on process. This enables the mobile network operator to
10 integrate these functions.

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